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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

I received your letter of 7/23 indicating that frames 337 and 338, that you asked for in your original letter, do not appear to be the ones you actually want. At this point, it is not clear to me which frames you are interested in. I do not know which 9 frames were withheld from Exhibit 885. If you can tell me frame numbers of those withheld, I will take a look at them. I did look at all the slides, and there seems to me to be two different segments that might relate to what you are interested in. I am not an expert on the JFK assassination, but in looking at the frames it appears to me that frames 243-312 and 314-338 may contain the images that you want. Both segments are before and after frame 313, which graphically depicts the President being struck in the head by a bullet. The segment that looks most like what you describe in your letter as "The frames I want are those that show the back of his head as he is falling rapidly to his left and onto his wife", appear to be frames 314-338. Unfortunately, most of the images in frames 314-338 are pretty fuzzy and not clear at all.

Rather than continue to try to select slides that may address your interest, I am hoping that you, or someone working for you, could visit our College Park research room. We will help you identify the exact frames you are looking for, and will be glad to make the reproductions you request. I think this would be the best way to proceed, in order for you to get exactly what you want. If you would like to set up a research visit, you can either write to me, or call me (301-713-6625, X258) to do so. I will be going on vacation next week, August 6-10, but will return the following week.

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